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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

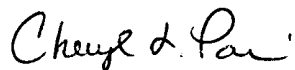
Re: *In the Matter of the Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service*, WC Docket 96-45 and *Universal Service Contribution Methodology*, WC Docket 06-122

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 25, 2016 Ken Pfister of Great Plains Communications, Brian Thompson of the Consolidated Companies, Jeff Reynolds of Reynolds Schultheis Consulting and the undersigned met with Commissioner Rosenworcel and Travis Litman on behalf of the Nebraska Rural Independent Companies (NRIC). We urged the Joint Board to move forward with a recommendation to the FCC to reform the universal service contribution methodology. We provided Commissioner Rosenworcel and Mr. Litman with a summary of the method that NRIC is proposing in the Nebraska state proceeding and urged the Commissioner to consider a similar approach to reform the federal contribution methodology. The document is included as Attachment A.

This letter is being filed pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,



Cheryl L. Parrino

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Enclosure

Cc: Commissioner Rosenworcel  
Travis Litman